

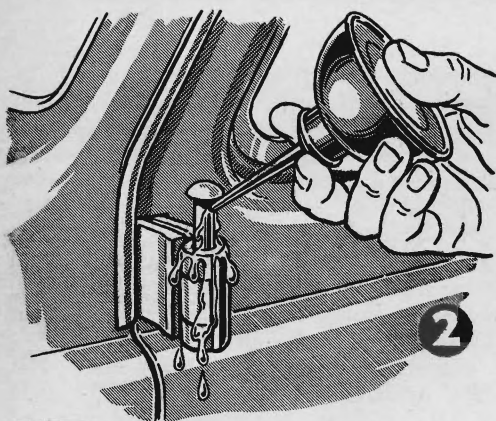


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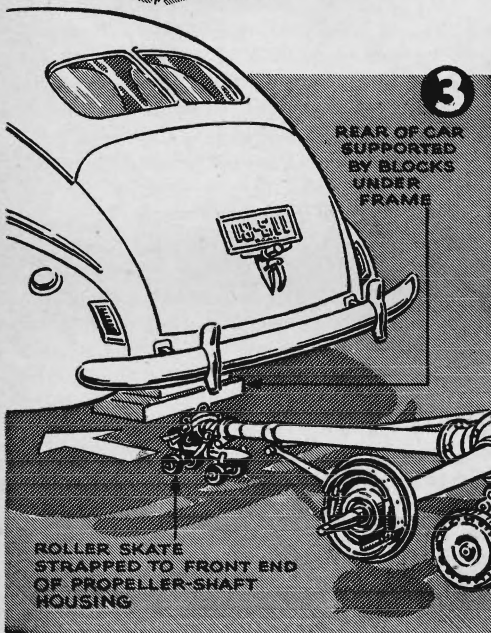
1. A flashlight is handy for repairs at night, but it may force you to work with one hand. A chap who stopped in the Model Garage had solved the problem neatly by keeping a heavy rubber band on the light.

With this, he can strap the light to his forearm, freeing both hands for work. He also keeps a supply of tape wrapped around the light—so he needn't hunt for it in the dark.



2. Drive Out Hinge-pin to Oil.

In the older cars with exposed hinges, Marion L. Rhodes, of Knightstown, Ind., finds it's best to drive the pin out halfway when oiling. Then apply a penetrating oil and allow to soak about five minutes. Unless the pin is loosened, even excessive oiling may not stop a persistent squeak.



3. Mower Used as Dolly.

While doing a rear-end job in his backyard, G. A. Miller, Jr., of Atherton, Calif., found an unexpected use for his lawn mower. Since there was little room to work under the car, he wanted to do as much as possible of the job in the open. This, he figured, could include attaching the propeller shaft to the differential if there were some way of returning the assembled unit to position. He solved the problem with the mower and a roller skate.

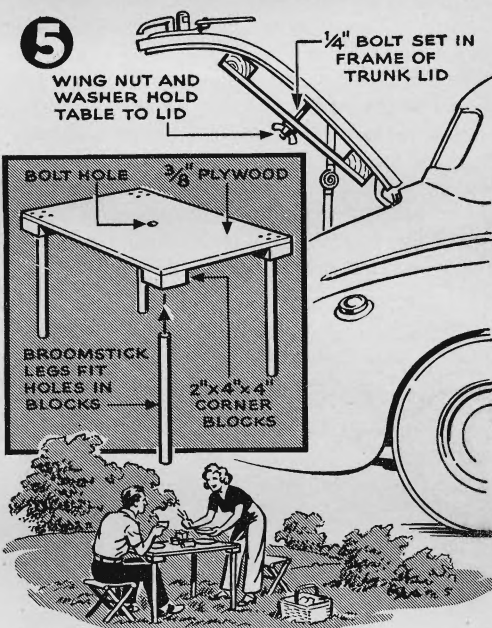
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Model Garage

4. Paint the Hood Inside. Heat from the sun and engine may cause the finish on the hood to deteriorate. As a precaution, W. Van Sandt, of Long Branch, N. J., recommends making use of the fact that light colors reflect heat. White enamel or silver paint applied inside the hood will reflect part of the engine heat and keep the hood cooler.



5. Table Always With You. Now that picnic time is here again, you may want to follow in the footsteps of H. C. Marhoff, of Chicago, and build this convenient table. When not in use, it takes up little space.



6. Air Spots Compression Leak. When an engine loses compression on one cylinder, Robert Brunt, of Lakewood, Ohio, diagnoses the trouble with an air hose. After removing the plug and setting the piston on firing position, he applies air to the spark-plug hole. If air hisses from the carburetor air intake, the trouble's in the intake valve; if from the exhaust pipe, in the exhaust valve; if from the oil filler, it's the piston or rings; if from the radiator, a blown gasket.

7. Cushions Rider's Hand. On long runs, the front-brake lever may chafe a motorcyclist's hand. A sponge-rubber disk slipped over the grip will prevent this.

Gus Wilson

